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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 1841 ACTION SECSTATE JAN 31.

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: NATO, MPOL

SUBJECT: TANK GUN

REF: STATE 025011

1. SINCE I HAD A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON
JANUARY 31 WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE LEBER (AT WHICH
SCHNELL AND EBERHARD WERE ALSO PRESENT), I CONVEYED
SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER TO HIM AT THAT TIME, TOGETHER
WITH TEXT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. I STRESSED NECESSITY
OF KEEPING INFORMATION SECRET UNTIL RELEASE IN
WASHINGTON. I ALSO TOLD LEBER THAT SECRETARY BROWN
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HOPED TO CALL HIM AROUND 3 P.M. LOCAL TIME. (WE
HAVE SINCE LEARNED THAT THIS CALL WENT THROUGHVML

2. LEBER WAS CLEARLY VERY PLEASED WITH OUR DECISION,
WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS SOUND ON THE MERITS AS WELL AS
PROMISING IN TERMS OF FUTURE COOPERATION IN THE
DEFENSE FIELD. HE NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE

DECISION HAD NOT BEEN AN EASY ONE FOR THE PENTAGON,
AND THAT THERE HAD ALSO BEEN COMPLICATIONS ON THE
GERMAN SIDE. HOWEVER, BOTH PARTNERS HAD BEEN PREPARED
TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING THE NECESSARY
COMPROMISES. LEBER ASKED ME TO PASS HIS DEEP APPRE-
CIATION AND BEST WISHES TO SECRETARY BROWN AND
SECRETARY ALEXANDER.
STOESSEL UNQUOTE VANCE

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